

# **West Chester Coalition on the Skinner Cleanup**

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Subject: Skinner Landfill - West Chester, Ohio  
Recommendations for cleanup from community Coalition

Dear Sir:

The West Chester Coalition on the Skinner Cleanup has met weekly for the past three months to discuss alternative cleanup options for the Skinner Landfill. After numerous meetings with yourself, other EPA personnel, residents, and representatives of the PRP's, as well as our own research, the Coalition has unanimously approved a nine point plan for dealing with the Skinner Landfill. This plan should meet the EPA's cleanup criteria as well as satisfy the community's concerns of overall risk from the site. These recommendations are based on information to date, especially groundwater well samples taken in 1990. If new information comes to light or new samples reveal rapid spread of contamination, these recommendations may need to be altered or thrown out completely.

The recommendations of the West Chester Coalition on the Skinner Cleanup are as follows:

- 1) All areas of contamination, as determined in the design phase, shall be covered by a RCRA cap, and contained by slurry walls if necessary, to minimize infiltration and exfiltration from the site.
- 2) An immediate and periodic sampling and analysis of the on-site groundwater wells shall be conducted to determine changes in the water quality since the last sampling.
- 3) Soil borings shall be placed in the northeast section of the site during the design phase to further determine the contents and the necessity of further actions within this area.
- 4) Groundwater collection, sampling, analysis and treatment shall be performed to prevent the migration of waterborne pollutants.

- 5) Soil vapor extraction should be employed to prevent the migration of volatile organics, where feasible.
- 6) The base of the lagoon should be sealed, if feasible, to prevent downward migration of pollutants. Horizontal borings under the lagoon should be made, if possible, in order to monitor vertical infiltration of contaminants.
- 7) Institutional controls such as fencing, deed restriction, etc. shall be installed to minimize public exposure during and after remediation.
- 8) Emergency plans shall be prepared for the treatment of on-site wastes in the event of failure of the proposed containment system.
- 9) The coalition shall conduct on-going design reviews of all phases of the remediation.

The Coalition would like to thank the EPA and especially you for your willingness to work with the Coalition and to spend the time coming to our meetings as you did. We await the EPA's official response to our recommendations and look forward to working with you in the future on this issue.

Sincerely,

*David Lindenschmidt*

David Lindenschmidt, Chair  
West Chester Coalition on the Skinner Cleanup